

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1955 and annually 1950 to 1955.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1940	1945	1950	1955
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	311.4	616.2	777.0	839.0
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	-	1.4	1.0	0.8
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.2	0.4	4.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	311.6	618.0	782.4	844.2
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	258.2	504.8	651.0	601.6
Absolute	22.6	106.6	242.4	422.2	646.0	612.8
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	2.2	1.4	1.6	0.8
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6	4.6
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.</u>						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	0.8	1.2	-
Decrees	-	-	-	0.8	0.4	-

	Years					
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	781	812	805	921	832	825
Judicial Separation	1	-	2	1	1	-
Nullity of Marriage	1	-	5	2	6	9
Total	783	812	812	924	839	834
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	615	608	596	634	654	516
Absolute	661	637	581	628	594	624
Judicial Separation	2	-	1	-	-	-
Nullity of Marriage	3	4	3	8	4	4
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	1	-	-	-	-	-
Decrees	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Actions awaiting trial at end of year increased from 55 in 1954 to 155 in 1955.

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted.

	1954			1955		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	129	87	216	138	100	238
Desertion	124	124	248	115	136	251
Habitual Cruelty	5	108	113	7	106	113
Insanity	3	1	4	4	-	4
Drunkenness	1	5	6	-	9	9
Failure to Maintain	-	3	3	-	6	6
Other	2	2	4	3	-	3
Total	264	330	594	267	357	624
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	1	3	4	1	-	1
Bigamy	-	-	-	-	2	2
Invalid Marriage	-	-	-	-	1	1

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue.

Duration of Marriage Years	ISSUE (Living Children under 16 years)								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1954									
0 - 4	34	26	4	-	-	-	-	-	64
5 - 9	84	56	42	9	1	1	1	-	194
10 - 14	40	42	35	14	7	1	-	-	139
15 - 19	16	24	28	12	4	2	1	-	87
20 - 24	26	12	2	4	3	2	-	-	49
25 - 29	20	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	31
30 - 34	20	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	26
35 - 39	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
40 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	244	170	116	41	15	6	2	-	594
1955									
0 - 4	28	31	6	-	-	-	-	-	65
5 - 9	82	77	42	9	-	-	-	-	210
10 - 14	43	49	36	12	6	1	-	-	147
15 - 19	21	20	23	13	5	3	3	2a	90
20 - 24	23	10	10	8	1	-	-	-	52
25 - 29	22	1	4	2	2	-	-	1b	32
30 - 34	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
35 - 39	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
40 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
45 - 49	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	245	190	121	44	14	4	3	3	624

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4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce

Age of Husband	Age of Wife							Not Stated	Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over		
1954									
Under 25	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
25-29	32	52	5	-	1	-	-	-	90
30-34	10	52	52	13	1	1	-	-	129
35-39	5	16	35	42	15	1	-	-	114
40-44	-	5	14	25	30	6	1	-	81
45-49	-	1	8	14	27	18	4	-	72
50 & over	-	-	2	6	12	21	42	-	83
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
Total	60	129	116	100	86	47	47	9	594
1955									
Under 25	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
25-29	36	46	10	-	-	-	-	-	92
30-34	7	53	59	8	2	-	-	-	129
35-39	4	12	42	31	15	1	1	-	106
40-44	-	5	12	42	38	10	-	-	107
45-49	-	1	7	15	26	26	3	-	78
50 & over	-	1	1	5	17	16	46	-	86
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total	64	119	131	101	98	53	50	8	624

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